

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A deck drain comprising:  
an elongated conduit having a cross-sectional profile defining a top section;  
a main channel having a centerline; and  
a pair of parallel planar projections attached to and extending from the top section.

Claim 2 (original): A deck drain as recited in claim 1, further comprising a mid section connecting the top section to the main channel along a major axis transverse to the main channel centerline.

Claim 3 (canceled) A deck drain as recited in claim 1, wherein the nail guiding means comprises a pair of parallel planar projections.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A deck drain as recited in claim 2 wherein the main channel has a substantially circular cross section; further comprising a base plate tangentially attached to the main channel transverse to the major axis; wherein the top section and the pair of parallel planar projections, the main channel, and the base plate align along a vertical axis to allow the deck drain to be attached securely to a planar surface along the vertical axis.

Claim 5 (original): A deck drain as recited in claim 4, wherein the top section has a top face defining a plurality of openings for allowing fluid to flow into the main channel.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A deck drain as recited in claim 4, further comprising a flange attached to the end of each parallel planar projection distal to the mid section.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A deck drain comprising:  
an elongated conduit having a cross-sectional profile defining a top section;  
a main channel having a centerline;  
a mid section connecting the top section to the main channel along a major axis transverse to the main channel centerline; and  
a pair of parallel planar projections attached to and extending from the top section, the planar projections being parallel to a plane substantially transverse to the major axis.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A deck drain as recited in claim 7 wherein the main channel has a substantially circular cross section; further comprising a base plate tangentially attached to the main

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channel transverse to the major axis; wherein the top section and the pair of parallel planar projections, the main channel, and the base plate align along a vertical axis to allow the deck drain to be attached securely to a planar surface along the vertical axis.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A deck drain as recited in claim 7, further comprising a flange attached to the end of each parallel planar projection distal to the mid section.

Claim 10 (original): A deck drain as recited in claim 7, wherein the top section has a top face defining a plurality of openings for allowing fluid to flow into the main channel.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A deck drain comprising:  
an elongated conduit having a cross-sectional profile defining a top section;  
a main channel having a centerline;  
a mid section connecting the top section to the main channel along a major axis transverse to the main channel centerline;  
a pair of parallel, substantially identical planar projections attached to and extending from the top section, the planar projections being parallel to a plane substantially transverse to the major axis;  
and  
a base plate tangentially attached to the main channel;  
wherein the top section, the projections, the main channel and the base plate all align along a vertical axis to allow the deck drain to be attached securely to a planar surface along the vertical axis.